

# TEAM

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The One Solution

The church cannot exist without dedicated laymen. Lester L. Hughes, while secularly employed, has been influential in winning fellow workers to Christ.

**T**HE GREATEST NEED in the world today is the preaching and proclaiming of the gospel of Jesus Christ, not by professionals like myself, but by laymen," stated Billy Graham.

Lester L. Hughes, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is one layman who does proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in words and in deeds. He is presently serving as a national Royal Rangers aide-de-camp and as a member of the national Men's Fellowship committee.

His many and varied spiritual experiences epitomizes the "ministry of the laity" in our church today.

Lester L. Hughes is employed as a supervisor at Minneapolis Honeywell Co., in Minneapolis.

## HIS LIFE SPEAKS

By **ELDIN VILLAFANE**

As a member of the national Men's Fellowship committee, Lester Hughes gives much time to strengthening the men's work in Assemblies of God.



He says, "My regular work is secular, but this is my opportunity to let my life tell for Christ—in my relationships with my fellow workers.

"A few years ago I received a call from a woman with whom I worked for several years. She related to me that her husband, who did not know Christ, knew I was a Christian. For many years he observed everything I did, hoping to catch me doing something wrong so he would be able to say I didn't 'practice-what-I-preached.'

"Now she informed me he was in the hospital dying. Having no church affiliation he wanted me to speak at his funeral!

"I visited him and by God's grace led him to the Lord. He rallied and lived about a year longer. Just before he passed away, he again requested that I speak at his funeral.

"It was my privilege to speak at his funeral and deliver a salvation message to his friends and relatives. Two weeks later, I was asked to preach at another funeral—my cousin's husband, a close friend of the first man."

neighboring states which have not legalized gambling. Gambling draws the criminal element and has been known to make criminals of others trying to recoup their losses or pay their debts."

By this time I was in the barber chair, and the gambling supporter was ready to leave. His parting shot was, "I still think if a fellow wants to gamble and can afford it, it is strictly his business. He should be allowed to gamble."

"When a man's activities affect others, it is never 'strictly his business,'" I replied as he walked out.

In England where gambling has been legalized, the majority

of gambling shops are in the poorer neighborhoods. People do not have enough money left after gambling to pay their debts. Consequently, there has been an increase of from ten to twenty percent in bad debts.

To legalize gambling under the guise of lightening the tax load is to place a greater burden on those who can least afford it—and upon their dependents. No one who is concerned about his child's, his neighbor's, and his own well-being can afford to gamble. No one who is concerned about the spirituality, morality, and stability of his country will raise his voice in support of gambling. Quite the opposite!

## THE ROYAL RANGERS COMMANDER MUST BE

### *Responsible to Boys and Men*

"Royal Rangers teaches a boy that God is God. Then His handiwork is shown the boy on the camping trips." Thus Amos R. Foster, senior commander of Royal Rangers

at Park Hill Assembly of God, Pueblo, Colorado, highly values the Royal Rangers program. He especially appreciates being able to feel the presence of God around a late evening camp-



**Enthusiasm for the Royal Rangers work has helped Commander Amos R. Foster, of Pueblo, Colorado, develop a growing outpost.**

fire. These experiences he says, are of tremendous value to a boy.

Besides his position as senior commander of a Royal Rangers outpost, Foster teaches a junior boys Sunday school class. He takes his responsibilities seriously. In an effort to be a better teacher and leader he has completed several teacher's training courses and also the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course.

Foster works at the Pueblo Army Depot as a body and fender repairman. Since he works mainly with Catholics, he has many opportunities to witness for the Lord.

In 1947, prior to his conversion, Foster underwent an operation for removal of a ruptured appendix. A few hours after the operation he developed a case of hiccups which, because of his condition, proved very painful. A group of young people from the church came to the hospital and prayed with him. The hiccups ceased and he was healed completely. That year he was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Foster's enthusiasm for the work of Royal Rangers has rubbed off on the men under his command. At first some of the men were not interested in Royal Rangers; however, Foster challenged them and helped them to see the value Royal Rangers held for boys. The men responded to the challenge so that Royal Rangers is a growing program in his church at this time.